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1. Prices of goods in the state-owned stores in Slovenia, although supposedly fixed by the Central Government, are actually regulated by the Slovene Ministry of Finance.
2. In the past few months the Ministry of Finance has been raising prices in certain towns, either for one, two, or three days at a time, and using the extra income to make up certain budget deficits. The managers of the stores are ordered at the end of the particular day to turn in the difference between the regular prices and the raised price to the Ministry of Finance, and enter all sales in their books as though the merchandise were sold at the regular prices. As soon as the Ministry of Finance has acquired the amount of money it needs at the time, the prices are immediately lowered again to their original level. Often only one day is needed to collect the required amount.
3. On other occasions government distribution agencies, finding themselves short of certain merchandise, request the Ministry of Finance to raise the prices on those products to discourage sales. This same practice seems to have been adopted by the Omnia store in Zone B in the past month.

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